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VILLA IS READY FOR PEACE CONFERENCE UNDER A. B. C. PLAN

Notifies State Department He is Willing to Declare Three-Months' Truce, For Conference of Factions—Carranza Denies Americans Are in Danger—President, at Capital, Confers on Situation—Peace Plan Ready For Leaders.

Washington, Aug. 12—General Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more duration with his opponents, during which time a peace conference shall be held.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred at length today on the Mexican situation. Details of the conference in New York of the delegates of the Latin-American representatives were presented by Secretary Lansing.

Just before Secretary Lansing went to the White House he announced an appeal to the factions and leaders in Mexico will not be sent today by telegram and mail to remote parts of Mexico are not complete. The communication has been finished and signed and it has been approved by the President.

State department officials were preparing today the list of governors and generals to whom the appeal is to be sent, in the hope that the petition will have widespread effect on public opinion in Mexico.

With the return of the President it was again reiterated that the inter-American peace plan does not contemplate in any way the use of force or the impairment of Mexico's sovereignty or interference in her domestic affairs.

The purpose of the appeal is to influence the Mexicans themselves to hold a peace convention and the government created by that action will be accorded recognition whether or not the acquiescence of all the factions is obtained.

The sending of battalions to Vera Cruz and other movements that may follow are described officially as precautionary measures to afford assistance to foreigners, but officials feel assurance today that there will be no necessity for any such action.

Secretary Lansing declined to comment on General Carranza's letter of protest against the Pan-American peace plan. He said no reply had been made. The feeling is that when the Pan-American conference appears in print it will be evident that Carranza has been misinformed as to the process of the peace plan and there is a confident hope that some of his hitherto close supporters will revise their adherence to the idea of a peace conference.

General Carranza issued from Vera Cruz today, through his Washington agents, a denial that any outrages either were committed or contemplated against foreigners within his jurisdiction. His message said:

"You may deny through the press that foreigners of any nationality are in danger in Mexico, for the constitutional government offers and will give every sort of guarantee to the citizens of other nationalities exactly the same as to Mexicans themselves, for the protection of their lives and property. (Signed) V. Carranza."

Foreign Minister Acuna cabled that the demonstration in Vera Cruz had been merely manifestations of allegiance to Carranza.

"The people protested," said Minister Acuna, "when they heard of the conference being held in the United States."

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS ANGLES OF EXCISE LAWS

Clubs Having Minors As Members Offers Problem on Licensing.

Hartford, Aug. 12—The county commissioners of the state held a special meeting at the Allen house today to discuss the intricacies of the club license question. Commissioner Jacob Walter of New Haven presided and Commissioner William Bailey, Jr., of Hartford, was secretary. Ten commissioners were present. Fairfield, Windham, and Middlesex counties not being represented. Denunciation of the club license law was unanimous and drastic.

While no individual commissioner would be quoted as to his own opinion of the law is inoperative, uncertain and vague in its meanings and imposes a heavy burden on the county commissioners. It was pointed out that one of its sections makes it imperative that licenses shall be refused to clubs having minors in the membership, and yet some of the best clubs in the state take as members 18-year-old sons of those already members.

These clubs will have to drop their younger members or be deprived of the privilege of serving liquors. A committee consisting of Commissioners Jacob Walter of New Haven, Robert A. Peter of Hartford, and John Brophy of Fairfield county was appointed to draft forms for applications to commissioners for certificates.

Showers tonight and probably Friday. Moderate south winds.

FRENCH AIR BOMBS KILL BAVARIANS

French Aviators Fly Over Two Towns Dropping Bombs That Cause Eight Casualties—Loss in Property is Small.

British Fishing Ships Sunk—Germans Now Within 300 Miles of Petrograd—Turks Believe Great Danger is Past.

London, Aug. 12—A wireless dispatch received here today from Berlin says that French aviators dropped bombs on Zweibruecken, Tsank and Ingbert. Eight persons were killed. The property damage was small.

The towns raided by French airships are in Rhenish Bavaria. Zweibruecken, which is in the Palatinate, is a manufacturing town of some 15,000 inhabitants.

St. Ingbert is about 12 miles west of Zweibruecken and is near Saarbruecken, which was bombed by French aeroplanes on Monday.

The British fishing smacks Ocean Gift, Esperance and George Borrow have been sunk by submarines, the admiralty office announced today. Their crews were landed.

Germans Push Forward Berlin, Aug. 12—Austro-German forces pursuing the Russians who are retreating from the Warsaw salient have occupied Tukow, according to an official announcement at German army headquarters staff today. Cambrowo, which has been captured, the statement adds.

GERMAN ARMY BEGINS TO MENACE PETROGRAD

London, Aug. 12—The Baltic flank of the German armies under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has virtually attained the banks of the Dvina, Riga and Dvinsk, with Petrograd less than 300 miles away.

To the southward the line sweeps west, with the Russian fortress of Kovno still holding out, but next week may see a great battle on the road toward the Russian capital.

The second line of defense upon which the Russians proposed to fall back after abandoning Warsaw, has all the appearances of having been rendered untenable and the British and Russian press is beginning to see in the Austro-German plan an ambitious plunge deeper into Russia with Petrograd as the goal.

In the meantime the Russian rear guards are fighting desperately especially in the critical Dvina region and at Kovno, to capture which, later place the Germans are making a terrific sacrifice of men. It seems plain now the Germans purpose no great demonstration in the west but intend

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PRESIDENT BACK FROM VACATION; HAS A BUSY DAY

Conferences With Cabinet Officials on Pressing Matters Take Up Time.

Washington, Aug. 12—President Wilson, returning from Cornish, N. H., reached the White House shortly after 9:20 a. m. today. He will confer with Secretary Lansing on the Mexican, Haitian and other foreign situations.

It was announced at the White House that there would be no cabinet meeting tomorrow. The President has determined that pending matters in the various departments are not in shape for general discussion with his advisers as yet. After his conference with Secretary Lansing, devoted chiefly to the Mexican situation and the work of the Pan-American conference, Mr. Wilson planned to see Secretary Garrison, of the war department and Secretary Daniels, of the navy, to take up questions of national defense.

Both secretaries were prepared to submit preliminary reports as to what army and navy officers believe is necessary to build up an adequate military and naval establishment. The situation along the Mexican border in Texas, where raiders recently have attacked American ranches and several Americans have been killed, also was expected to figure in the conference with Secretary Garrison.

A mass of correspondence awaited the President at the White House on his arrival and he went to work on this at once to clear his desk before his conference with Secretary Lansing.

LABOR LEADERS CHARGE LOCO. CO. WITH PLANTING SPIES IN SHOP TO FORESTALL STRIKE

CENTRAL LABOR UNION CONDEMNS WILSON AND PLANS MIGHTY PROTEST

Review of Judge Wilder's Decision in Labor-Gagging Cases and Demand For Prompt Recognition of C. L. U. Communication To Council Planned at Rousing Meeting.

The voice of union labor in Bridgeport will be raised in a mighty protest at the high-handed actions of Mayor Clifford B. Wilson and at the attitude of his common council in shelving away the dignified protest of the Central Labor Union at Wilson's interference with a labor meeting near the Locomobile Company plant.

Incensed at the slight upon organized labor by Mayor Wilson and his council, the Central Labor Union met last night, to formulate plans of action.

Practically every delegate was present, and union men in Bridgeport to the number of several thousand, therefore had representation at the meeting.

Steps were taken calling for a review of the complete facts of the case, and calling, also, for action, on what amounts to practically a demand for the impeachment of the mayor for his order to stifle discussions of the labor question.

Five members of the central body were named a committee to draft suitable documents, and were instructed to refer these to each labor union affiliated with the central body. Thus at a future meeting of the central body the documents will be presented to the organization with the sentiments of each affiliated union expressed, as a guide for further action.

In the history of the progress of the labor movement in Bridgeport, rarely has there been such keen interest in any matter as in Mayor Wilson's high handed interference.

The legislative committee named at last night's meeting to draft the new resolution and carry it among the various unions in Bridgeport are Jasper McLevy, Julius E. Seifert, James Dunn, George Smith and Henry Englehardt.

In denouncing the action of the administration in turning down the labor protest one member of the council said: "The mayor and aldermen are elected by the people, they are supposed to represent the people and when the people cannot get their grievances before a body elected for that purpose it is time that a solid union demand is made in channels where recognition can be effected."

The discussion took an additional turn when the decision of Judge Wilder was quoted and one member asked that his name be included in the resolution for impeachment. The body was somewhat divided on the question as to whether to impeach the mayor or to demand recognition of the committee for investigation.

PICKETS POSTED BY STRIKERS ABOUT LAKE TORPEDO BOAT CO.

Pickets were posted today about the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., which is seriously crippled in its manufacture of submarine boats by the strike of about 70 machinists and allied workers who walked out of the plant yesterday afternoon.

A strike of the pattern makers in the same organization had been previously settled and the machinists, who are among the most expert in the country, had little thought that their demands would not be met.

During the conference, however, it appeared that the company had been made aware of the situation and it came to a point where the machinists stuck for the minimum wage of 45 cents an hour. Commander Robinson was unable to meet the demand and further negotiations on piece-work questions were declared off.

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FARREL PLANT'S EMPLOYEES WANT EIGHT HOUR DAY

Ansonia, Aug. 12—Machinists employed by the Farrel Foundry & Machine company who last night voted to strike if the company did not grant increases in wages and the 48 hour week, were at work today as usual. No immediate action by the men is looked for, the company having been willing to discuss the demands. It was stated today that the company has made an offer of increases in wages, the amounts varying according to the classification of employees, but has given no answer on the request for the 48 hour day which would include the Saturday half holiday.

There are about 600 men who would be embraced in the strike action and this might affect directly about 1,400 other employees. The company is rushed with orders for machinery and tools ordered by other companies which are making war munitions.

R. P. K. STRIKE ENDS; MEN GET WHAT THEY ASK

The R. P. K. Pressed Metal Goods Company, 200 Howard avenue, capitulated yesterday by granting terms satisfactory to the men. The men were ordered back to work last night and work was again resumed in the plant today.

The settlement followed a conference of Carl Slemmon with Agent George Bowen of the Machinists held late yesterday afternoon.

MRS. BERKLY WANTS FREEDOM.

Josephine Berkly of this city has filed divorce proceedings against Charles F. Berkly of this city. Deserter November 29, 1910, is alleged. The couple were married December 28, 1908. Mrs. Berkly's maiden name was Josephine Hornig.

Say Score of Machinists and Others Have Been Dismissed Pending Outcome of Recent Conference of Factory Employees' Committee and President S. T. Davis, Jr.

EXPECT REFUSAL OF 8 HOUR DEMAND BUT OTHER OFFERS FROM LOCO. CO.

Mass Meeting of Employees Scheduled For Eagles' Hall At 8 O'clock Tonight When Latest Proposition of Company Will Be Presented To the Workers.

The charges that from 15 to 25 employees of the Locomobile Co. of America, were discharged last night, and that private detectives have been employed in the factory to influence opinion against the threatened strike, were made today and have aroused the labor leaders of the city, to action.

A conference of President Samuel T. Davis, Jr., with the special committee appointed by the Locomobile employees began at 3:30 o'clock and according to the sentiment at the meeting, matters will be adjusted.

At a mass meeting of Locomobile Co. employees to be held at 8 o'clock this evening in Eagles' hall, the special committee will report to the body of workmen on the result of the conference with President Davis. It has been announced that the meeting tonight will entertain any communication from the factory officials, that the latter see fit to make.

Some feeling was aroused this morning when a report became general that from 15 to 25 workmen had been discharged last night from the Locomobile Co. It was asserted there had been discrimination. In the factory today, no official confirmation could be received of this report, and it was given out that the company preferred not to mention the matter.

No meeting of the directors was held today to consider the wage question, which, it was said last week, should properly come before them. No meeting had been called, it was declared at the offices of the company.

Labor leaders congregated outside the plant this morning, among them Frederick Cederholm, who was arrested last week. More than 1,000 cards, notifying the men of the mass meeting tonight, were given out as the employees left the factory at noon today. The meeting, it is said by labor leaders, has been called for two purposes: First, to get as large a number of Locomobile employees as possible in a single meeting, and second, to present to the men the statement of the Locomobile Co. as to the attitude of the firm toward the men.

It is likely at the meeting tonight some discussion will be made of the report that detectives are employed in the factory. It has aroused sentiment among the workmen. Although no definite statement from anybody in the factory would be given for publication, it was noted there today that the charge is true.

President Davis would make no statement this morning or this afternoon. He said that inasmuch as the committee of employees had made all the overtures, any information given out should come from them. None of the committee has been able, thus far, to obtain an intimation of just what has been decided upon as an offer by the company.

BURNS & BASSICK CO. OFFERS FIFTY HOUR WEEK PLAN

Notice posted by the Burns & Bassick Co. to the effect that beginning today the 300 hands would be granted a nine hour day with ten hours' pay, came unexpectedly upon the machinists yesterday afternoon.

What action the employees of the factory will take is not yet known, but labor leaders declare that the fight is on for eight hours and no compromise can be made at this time. There has been a tendency towards permitting the plant to grant the nine hours at this time provided they run down to eight on a sliding scale to be arranged later.

The Burns & Bassick Co. employ many sheet metal workers and are manufacturing oil cups for automobile trucks said to be going to the European war zone. About 44 machinists are represented on the company's pay-roll.

Roscoe Bassick, treasurer of the company, said: "We voluntarily made our employees a 50 hour week schedule because we believe it is the most logical period for work. This means nine hours every day but Saturday when our factory runs until 12 o'clock noon. We give this 50 hour week for the same wages to each employee, which he formerly received for 60 hours' work. The only notice or statement that we have received from our employees is an acknowledgment and their thanks for the reduction in working time. Some of our oldest employees have assured us that they will endeavor to produce about the same amount of work in the shorter week. We believe that by shortening the hours of labor we will get increased efficiency from our working people, men, women and girls. None of the representatives of the machinists' union or any other union has conferred with us on this matter."

PICKETS STILL AT GRANT.

The Grant Manufacturing Co. whose machinists have now been on strike since July 20, is still being picketed.

Dairy Machine Co. Troubles Settled

The Dairy Machine Company, of Derby, whose machinists had been called on strike yesterday morning, were ordered back following an immediate settlement with the strikers whereby they are to receive a nine hour day with half holiday on Saturday which is to be paid for by the company. There is to be no reduction in wages.

Following a well attended meeting of employees of the American & British Manufacturing Company who were addressed on the subject of the eight hour day and who acclaimed the demand as just in their factory where some were already working on that basis, organization continued at the Crescent avenue plant today.

Delegates from the various machinists in this city, visited the factory at noontime today. There will be nightly meetings of the workers until the question is fully adjusted.

It is believed that at tonight's meeting a shop committee will be formed who will draft demands so that these may be presented to the officials of the company on Monday next. Superintendent William M. Straw was absent from the city today.